

A caller called in from Montana. I believe his name was Bob. I hope he is watching. Bob says, "Admiral Moorer, Bob Dornan, I think Robert McNamara was a war criminal." There was a pause, and I said "Admiral, those words crossed my mind yesterday at the Vietnam Memorial."

I thought, well, liberals love to come at me for overstating the case, and I rejected ever using those words. "But what do you think, Admiral? Is he a war criminal?" Admiral Tom Moorer, without a blemish on his career, in 1942, he was flying PBY Catalinas, and they were painted black, and they called them "Black Cats." They were actually using it as a patrol bomber, bombing in the Solomon Islands: Distinguished Flying Cross, with Silver Stars, great combat veteran, Admiral Tom Moorer says, "Congressman, yes, I believe Robert McNamara is a war criminal."

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I lost my speaking privileges on this floor the day after the State of the Union for using a term that I will not complete tonight. I do not want to get into problems with our parliamentarian. I talked about aid and comfort to hostile powers with whom we were engaged in combat.

Suffice it to say, when Wolf Blitzer asked Bill Clinton at the White House if he felt McNamara's book vindicated him, Clinton said, "Yes. Yes, I do." And because he is bright, he said, "I know it sounds self-serving, but, yes I do."

Imagine getting vindication from an evil person, a person that honorable men think of as a war criminal. You cannot get vindication there, Mr. Clinton. You just cannot!

And I have found out since then why Mr. Clinton went to Moscow alone on New Year's Eve of 1969, why he woke up in Leningrad and headed to Moscow January 1, 1970, why he was there only 3 days, 27 degrees below zero, 10 inches of snow cover. It was to go to a banquet, a banquet that a former U.S. Senator was at in the National Hotel, the best hotel in town, and he was broke, freezing, and he was only there 3 days, and then off to Prague, the banquet, the peace banquet, and then I found out yesterday from a new book called "Clinton Confidential," by George Carpozzi, I hope George is listening. I would like to help his book to attain a counterbalance to McNamara's book, that Clinton had also another trip to Moscow I never knew about, June 1991, 4 months, less than 4 months before he declared for the Presidency on October 3, 1991. He was in Moscow. The Paula Jones incident was March 8, which, by the way, is V-E Day, and 1 month later, June 8, he has a personal 1½-hour meeting with the head of the KGB. What the heck was that all about, less than 4 months before he declared to be commander in chief?

So, Madam Speaker, I will say what some press people know, that I will be back trying to follow parliamentary

rules, but if I get overruled. I will appeal the ruling of the Chair and I will win by a party-line vote. I polled my party members. I am going to discuss next month what the historical expression in our Constitution means about aid and comfort, what constitutes a hostile power, what constitutes an enemy force, what 58,000 deaths mean, and I will do a full hour on McNamara and why it is an absolute disgrace that he would rip open this unhealed wound of Vietnam and bring the type of agony that I have gone down to the wall and talked to some of these vets that they feel McNamara telling them it was wrong, terribly wrong, that we would try to free South Vietnam, help them stay free, with 44 newspapers in Saigon.

I went over there eight times during that conflict. I knew what the mistakes were, what the corruption was. But none of it was as evil as the human rights violations in Hanoi or what goes on to this day this North Korea, in China, in conquered Vietnam, in Cuba, for that matter.

We have a terrible century of history, and it is going out with a lot of bloodshed and hurt and pain, but we have still got these heroes from our darkest year of 1942. We have got our Walt Krells and David Hrdlickas.

Something has been bothering me lately. I have been thinking about traveling around the country, reaching maybe way beyond my reach, to offer some leadership to this country, and it has to do with something that atheists love. They call it the natural selection. I wonder if it has ever occurred to anybody the worst thing that wars do to any nation, large or small, the best, the very best die off, while the worst hide out and escape and cut corners and they get rewarded during peace, sometimes, while the best are gone, the opposite of natural selection, as atheists see it by the law of the jungle.

How many men would be running for the presidency today who had shown their strength of character in Korea or Vietnam if they had not been put into this Medal of Honor book as posthumous recipients of their Nation's greatest honor? There is only one word on that Medal of Honor: Valor. And sometimes I think it stands for "veterans against lying or revisionism."

Mr. McNamara's book is a sacrilege and an offense from a war criminal, and I will not stop trying to bring out the truth until my last breath, and I might tell my liberal critics that all warriors hate war. Those who were not killed to kill another mother's son in combat, like myself, but were trained to be combat ready and have a small piece of the action of melting down the evil empire, we understand why a nation should honor those that died, or those that had their young bodies ripped apart or those that managed to escape unscathed by the grace only of a merciful God, a Creator.

This Nation must come back to virtue, and our great Nation has to do

something for the veterans, starting with the Korean veterans on July 27, in about 2 months and a week, when a beautiful, uplifting memorial is dedicated.

There are a thousand veterans that are going to turn out to confront Mr. Clinton if he shows up that day because in the letter to Colonel Holmes he also questioned our effort in Korea. I know what people who avoid service think. They think people are fools who go off and lose their lives. Well, they are not fools. They are the very essence of the countries' strength, and they are the salt of the Earth.

And with that, Madam Speaker, I conclude this evenings' remarks with what Douglas MacArthur said, "I shall return."

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 534. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 2 p.m., on account of family business.

Mr. BONO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), until 2:30 p.m. today, on account of recovery from surgery.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SKAGGS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKAGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POSHARD, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. DICKEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. KIM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(Mr. OBEY, to include extraneous matter on the conference report on H.R. 1158 in the House today.)